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SUBJ: FRELIMO COMMENTS ON NEGOTIATIONS WITH PORTUGAL

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. UPON RETURN TO DAR ES SALAAM JUNE 7, FRELIMO PRESIDENT SAMORA MACHEL TOLD NEWSMEN THAT MEETING IN LUSAKA WITH PORTUGUESE CREATED CLIMATE OF MUTUAL CONFIDENCE. MACHEL NOTED THAT PORTUGUESE DELEGATION WAS ABLE TO SEE CONCRETELY OUR POLITICAL LEADERSHIP CAPACITY. HE EMPHASIZED PORTUGUESE TOOK WITH THEM ELEMENTS WHICH WILL CONSTITUTE BASIS FOR MAKING NEXT DISCUSSIONS MORE FRUITFUL.

2. GOVERNMENT-OWNED TANZANIA DAILY NEWS ALSO CARRIED SUMMARY OF INTERVIEW WITH FRELIMO VP MARCELINO DOS SANTOS WHO IS NOW IN MOGADISCIO FOR OAU SESSION. DOS
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SANTOS REPORTEDLY APPEALED TO AFRICAN COUNTRIES NOT TO

ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS AND NOT TO COOPERATE WITH
NEW REGIME IN PORTUGAL UNTIL GEN. SPINOLA RECOGNIZES
RIGHT TO INDEPENDENCE OF MOZAMBICAN PEOPLE. HE SAID
PRELIMINARY TALKS BETWEEN FRELIMO AND PORTUGAL WERE
OPENING OF NEW FRONT WHICH WAS RESULT OF
VICTORIES BY MOZAMBIQUE PEOPLE ON BATTLEFIELD. DOS
SANTOS IS QUOTED AS SAYING: "BUT WE HAVE TO UNDERSTAND
THAT ARMED STRUGGLE REMAINS FUNDAMENTIAL FRONT AND THAT
MUST BE DEVELOPED. WE MUST INTENSIFY STRUGGLE
IN ALL FIELDS--ARMED STRUGGLE, NATIONAL RECONSTRUCTION
OF LIBERATED AREAS AND IN DIPLOMATIC FIELD. I WANT TO
APPEAL TO PEOPLE OF AFRICA TO REMAIN VIGILANT AND
INTENSIFY STRUGGLE MORE SERIOUSLY." END UNCLASSIFIED

3. COMMENT: COMMENTS BY DOS SANTOS REPORTED ABOVE
ARE IN MARKED CONTRAST TO RECENT AND RELATIVELY
CONCILIATORY STATEMENTS BY MACHEL (LUSAKA 1158). ALTHOUGH
DOS SANTOS HAS ALWAYS BEEN MORE OF AN IDEOLOGUE THAN
MACHEL, WE WONDER WHETHER DOS SANTOS IS SHOOTING FROM
HIP OR WHETHER HE HAS CAREFULLY COORDINATED HIS HARDLINE
STRATEGY WITH MACHEL.
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